

## THE CAREER OF JOE GANS

Baltimore Pugilist Is a Veritable Champion of Champions.

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There is a certain black promontory on the rocky coast of pugilism that is universally avoided by the brawny mariners cruising around on the Marquis of Queensberry sea. Its monumental blackness stands out against the clear sky as a mute warning of danger to those who would venture near. It is known and feared under the appellation of Gans—Joe Gans.

The chocolate éclair from Baltimore is in a plight not unlike that of our retiring friend, Jeffries. After laboriously wading through a somewhat checkered career he suddenly awakens to the realization of the fact that he is in a class by himself. His ability has rendered him a lightweight outcast. Anomalously speaking the black fighter is a white chip.

The radical difference between the Gans and Jeffries cases is that the retired heavyweight champion is comfortably stocked with a goodly portion of this world's goods, while the unfortunate Josephus did not know where his next month's room rent was coming from until his New Year's battle with Herman and that won't go so very far with Gans. A great difference indeed!

Gans speaks of retiring, but no, he must pursue his chosen profession in order to keep his digestive organs well lubricated. But, with the exception of the Battling One, the opponent market is very barren. Leah the Forsaken looks like a crowd beside the lonesome negro. Joe must be a lineal descendant of Jonah. Gans must fight and it seems that his inability to coax any of the lightweights into a match will result in his issuing a sweeping defiance to anybody in the business. All weights included, barring Jeff.

Joe could take on Jack O'Brien or Sam Berger or Joe Grim or any body else. Joe Walcott fought and made good with big men, why not Gans, who fought in Philadelphia with Joe Grim twice? In the first fight on Oct. 19, 1903, there was no decision, and he won from Grim the second time they met, on January 22, 1904. And Joe Grim is classed in the heavy department.

It is hardly probable that any big men would consider Gans' challenge because it could avail them nothing if they disposed of the clever lightweight. If a heavy man licked Gans, people would say that it was only natural on account of the great disparity in weight. But if Gans licked the heavy one it would be farewell to the bulky one's prestige, and the charity pavilion for him.

Gans stated some time ago that if he whipped Herman he would take on Nelson again in Goldfield. But, here lies a story. Tex Rickard has offered \$30,000 for a match between the two, with the proviso that the Dane cut loose from Nolan. Goldfield won't tolerate Nolan and Tex states that he won't allow him in the state of Nevada as one dose of his methods was enough.

Rickard got the fight arranged, then Nolan tried to back out, but Tex told Nolan that if he did he would never leave Goldfield alive, and his bluff worked to a T.

Gans is the man and to reinstate the Dane's standing in the household of fighters the latter had better listen to the advice of good men and shake his manager.

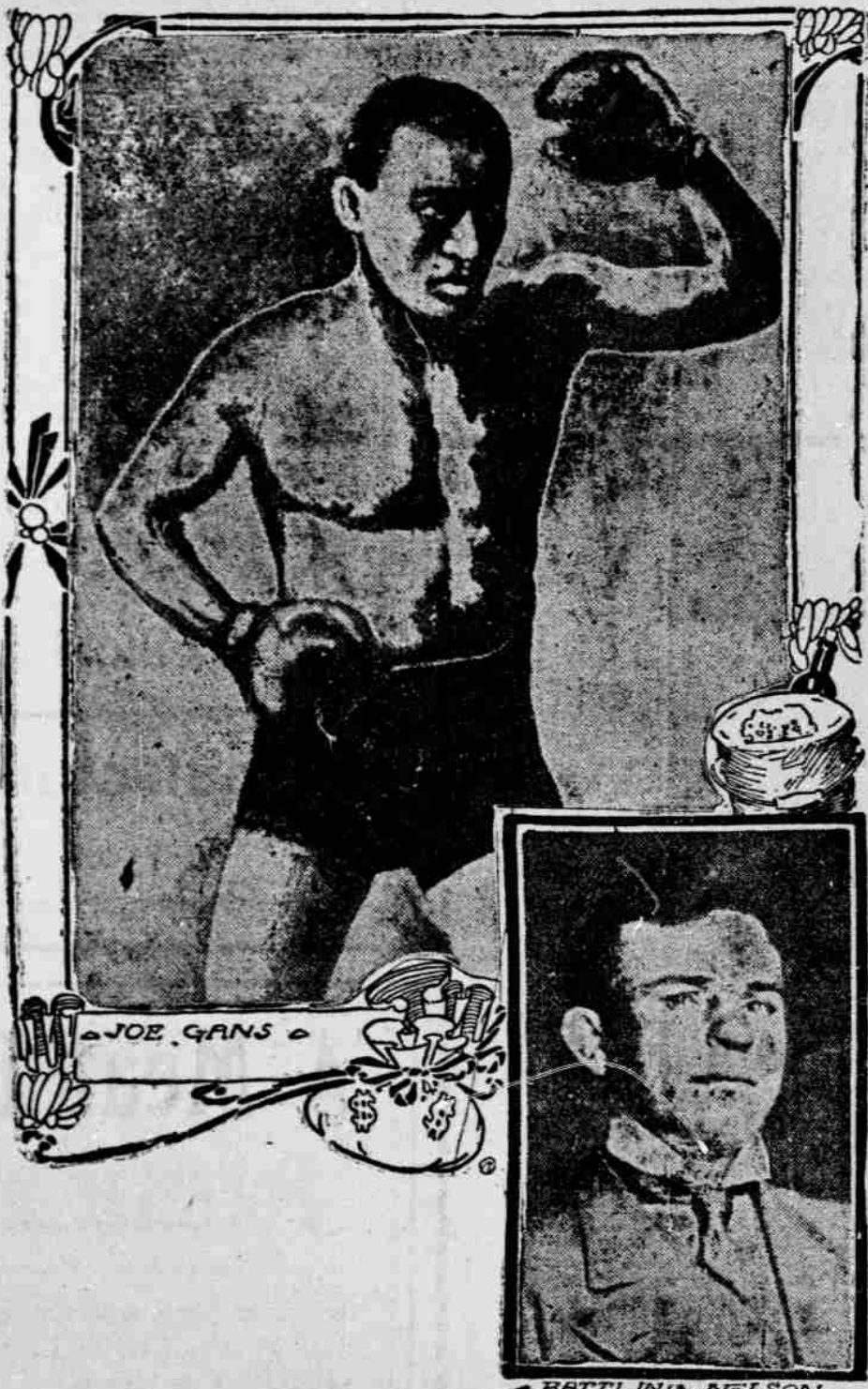
Recently Gans made the following statement: "I will give Nelson two months to come to my terms. I am giving reasonable terms at that. The weight must be 133 the day of the fight, and he must give me 65 per cent of the purse, win or lose or draw. If he will give me a \$12,000 bonus I will fight him winner take all of the balance."

These terms are by no means exorbitant when one pauses to recall the stand and deliver holdup game that Nelson gave Gans before he would agree to fight the black terror at Goldfield.

Let Nelson drop Nolan and Gans will again show the Dane how well he can scrap. But the tables may turn this time and the Dane win back to his own.

It may be of some interest to the fight fans in Honolulu to know a little of Gans' record in the prize-ring and to learn that as a fighter Gans has been a good hard worker, and with all the crooked work which has been laid at his door, has proved to the sporting public his worthiness to the honor of the titles of light and welterweight champion.

Joe was born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 25, 1876, and has been



## NEW YEAR'S REGATTA

The boys of the town and Secretary Jack Had fixed on New Year's for a little regatta, And were having a meeting to fix up the game When down on the roof came a good heavy rain.

Then came bang, crash and a deuce of a clatter, They all jumped up to see what was the matter, When down came the thunder, the wind and the rain Till you'd think old Nick was at it again.

Then up stood our hardy island Jack And on the table his hand he whacked: "We can not hold our sports it is clear— The weather club plainly wants New Year."

"And as these sports, rain, wind and thunder, Are real good sports and seldom blunder, We'll stand by and watch the game And bet on who wins, the wind or rain."

And as they raced, that sporty set, Our boys stood round and made the bet, That the wind would be in before the rain, And so it did, tho' it burst a main.

And Jack and the rest of the sporty lot Felt blue, when the wind put them to pot, For they bet on the rain because it was wet As they've no use for the dry musty set.

"And now," said our boys, "the wind and the weather Have put us all out of commission together— Our boats are all smashed by the rain and the roar, Nothing but splinters, not even an oar."

"So the sports are all off till the month after next— It's really too bad but no use being vexed, We will be ready again by Washington's day To once more try our luck in Waikiki bay."

"And as the storm is to hold New Year, Be it resolved by this meeting here, That we all adjourn to the Union Grill And merrily eat and drink our fill;

"And ne'er let it be said of our swimmers and racers, Our divers, our surfers, our runners and pacers, That if the storm gave us a bit of a beating, It also quite stopped our drinking and eating."

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## SOCKER ON HAWAII ISLE

Hakalau and Waiakea Elevens Play a Draw.

HILO, Jan. 3.—The New Year's day football game has caused something of a boom for that kind of sport, and there is talk of getting up several teams to compete with the champions who hustled after the ball at Moohau during the rain of the first day of the year. Hakalau and Waiakea played a lively game, and may have a return match. Each side scored a goal. At the end of the second half an additional ten minutes was played, by unanimous consent, each side being anxious to have a result, but neither could score again.

For a time it looked as though neither side could score, Fraser at goal for Hakalau and W. Irvine for Waiakea several times narrowly saved the day after the ball had passed their teams and was being merrily dribbled towards the poles. Waiakea scored first and Hakalau at once tied the score. The two scorings were within a few minutes of one another, Hakalau appearing to make a special spurt as soon as the other side made a goal. It carried the sphere almost straight from the kick-off through the space between the posts. Then the teams resumed the struggle without either being able to score again.

The playing was generally very lively. Mackenzie for Hakalau did some star plays which caused the sidelines to begin to shout his name. Without exception the others went at the sport with true Scottish earnestness, and showed that there is a chance to develop some fine teams here.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Waiakea (blue)—A. Smith, g; R. Forbes, lb; R. Lindsay, rb; R. Hamilton, ch; W. Brien, lb; Alex. Fraser, rh; W. Irvine, c; W. Chalmers, of; D. Wilkie, if; Geo. Wilson, irf; A. Hunter, orf.

Hakalau (white)—J. Fraser, g; B. Mackenzie, lb; G. Lillicoe, rb; Jarvie, ch; G. M. Jamie, lb; T. Scott, rh; F. Anderson, c; W. W. McColl, of; R. W. Edmonds, if; J. Chalmers, irf; J. Ingles, orf.

A Lowe was referee and Wm. Turnbull and A. Ainslie linesmen.

The contest may be played over on Saturday.

## GOOD RACES AT WAIALUA

Waialua races, postponed on New Year's day, were held on Saturday last. The weather was fine and a good sized crowd witnessed the sport.

The first race was a three-eighths of a mile dash between Domino and Rain-bow. The former, ridden by Domingo Ferreira, won by five lengths.

In the second event, a quarter of a mile dash, Sayonara won from three other horses.

The third race on the program was a half mile dash between Indigo and Domino. Indigo, well-ridden by Ferreira, won by a neck, after a slashing contest.

Next came a trotting and pacing affair with three entries, the distance being half a mile. A Japanese owned horse won from Chris. Holt's White-little and Manuel Waialua's horse.

The fifth event, a quarter of a mile dash, was won by Indigo which beat Togo by two lengths. Ferreira rode the winner.

The Japanese backed Togo heavily in the last race. Indigo had previously beaten Togo at three-eighths of a mile but the latter's backers felt sure that he could win over the longer distance.

Two match races are being talked of for Washington's birthday. They are: Indigo and Watossa at half a mile and Domino and Rainbow at the same distance.

## THE GIRL RESOURCEFUL.

A native boy on Maui about to marry was too bashful to ask the manager of the plantation employing him for leave of absence for the wedding day. His prospective bride of sweet sixteen solved the difficulty by sending the following note:

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